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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (new) Device for fastening a watch strap to a watch case comprising a hinge pin (1) integral with the watch case (2), a fastening element (3) attached to or integrated to an end of a strap provided with two lugs (15) defining between them a space (16) to receive the hinge pin (1), each of these lugs comprising an axial recess (17) leading to said space, each of said axial recesses (17) housing an endstone (21) mounted in a sliding manner in said recess (17) and bearing a push button (20) attached to an external end of the endstone (21), the hinge pin (1) comprising on a lateral face an annular housing (25) having a groove (26) defining an advantageous orientation, said annular housing (25) receiving a protrusion (27) located on a said lug (15), whereby, for a user to fasten or remove the watch strap from the watch case, a said button must be pushed and simultaneously the strap must be in said advantageous orientation with respect to the hinge pin.

11. (new) Device according to claim 10, wherein said endstone (21) is mounted slidably in an end tip (19) in said recess (17).

12. (new) Device according to claim 10, wherein said end tip (19) is comprised by two parts (19a, 19b), an internal part (19a) receiving a return spring (18) and an external part (21a) of the endstone (21), and an external part (19b) housing said push button (20).

13. (new) Device according to claim 10, wherein said protrusion (27) comprises a guiding cut (28) and, aligned on a longitudinal axis of the axial recess (17), a central recess (29) housing an external end of a pivot (8, 9) on said hinge pin (1).

14. (new) Fastening element fitted with two lugs (15) defining between them a space (16) receiving a hinge pin (1), each of said lugs comprising an axial recess (17) leading to a space comprised between said lugs (15), each said axial recess (17) housing an endstone (21) mounted in a sliding manner in said recess (17) and bearing a push button (20) attached to an external end of said endstone (21), each said lug (15) comprising, on an internal face, a protrusion (27), the protrusion being insertable within an annular housing formed on a lateral surface of the hinge pin when the fastening element is in an advantageous orientation with respect to the hinge pin.

15. (new) Fastening element according to claim 14, which further comprises a lateral and oblique guiding cut (28) and a central recess (29) housing external ends of pivots (8, 9) of a said hinge pin (1).